

PATENT APPLICATION

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GRILLING APPLIANCE

Cross-Reference to Related Application

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OB 5 This application is a continuation of application number  
10/429,464, filed May 5, 2003, <sup>NOW ABANDONED</sup> which is a continuation of  
application no. 10/130,090, filed October 1, 2002, <sup>NOW ABANDONED</sup> a national  
phase patent application of International application  
PCT/US00/25425, filed September 15, 2000.

Field of the Invention

10 This invention relates to a grilling appliance and  
particularly to a portable electric grilling appliance for  
household use. More precisely, this invention relates to an  
electric household grilling appliance having two heating units  
provided with grill plates which, in use, lie one over the other  
and form between them a grilling chamber. The two heating units  
15 are pivotally connected to one another by a hinge that connects  
a back edge of both heating units. To open the grilling  
chamber, a handle attached to the uppermost heating chamber can  
be raised to pivot the uppermost heating chamber about the hinge,  
thereby separating all but the hinged back edges of the heating  
20 units from one another. The grilling appliance of this invention  
is primarily intended for use as a waffle maker, in which case